

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am not writing to you to urge you to retain the current FCC rules on media ownership. The long standing roll back of rules designed to protect both media and public from having their information bought and paid for by interested parties has gone on long enough that it is clear that only a catastrophic meltdown of our political system will change this trend.

I am not writing to you to reconsider the obvious decision that has already been made to allow continued creation of media monopolies. It is well known that the FCC board consists of corrupt cornies who intended to handsomely profit from their actions.

I am writing merely for the record, so that in the future, when the fruit of this poison tree has reached its bitter end, and history examines the public record, it will see that at least a few people actually read Adam Smith's warnings against allowing education and information to become owned by the highest bidder, actually understand that a free press is not free if it is the estate of the wealthy, and were willing to brave an increasingly repressive atmosphere to say so.

I don't expect you to change your minds at all, since, as rational economic actors, you should be expected to grab the loot and run. I realize that no argument, fact or demonstration will change your minds, since none of these will fatten your bank accounts.

A concentrated and corrupt media helped drive Europe into the First World War - whipping people into a jingoistic frenzy of hate and emotionalism. The result was the beginning of what Churchill labelled "the second thirty year's war", and the end of European dominance.

All I can say is, since you have decided to engage in a repetition of this mistake: don't get too attached to your grandchildren.